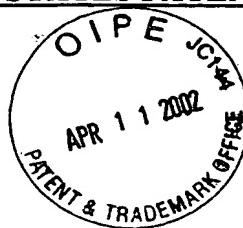


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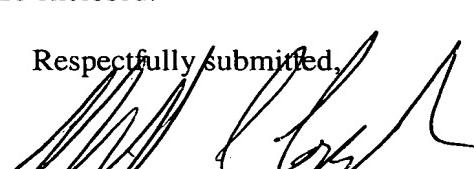
Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of one (1) additional month to respond to the Final Office Action issued on October 5, 2001. Since applicant previously petitioned for and obtained an extension of time of two (2) months, the instant petition extends the period to respond to the Final Office Action to three (3) months, to and including April 5, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$520.00 (37 CFR 1.17 (a) (3) for this additional month. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and/or 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 18-1982. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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